GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1462
ANSWERED ON:03.05.2016
Relaxation in Procurement Norms
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has relaxed the procurement quality norms for procurement of foodgrains for central pool to provide relief to the farmers and protect them from distress sale on account of unseasonal rains during the last and the current year, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
(b) whether the Government has received complaints of irregularities in procurement of foodgrains under relaxed norms during the said period, if so, the details thereof along with the action taken/ being taken by the Government on such complaints, so far; and
(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure remunerative prices for the foodgrains produced by the farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)
(a): Yes Madam. Details of relaxations in quality norms for procurement of Central Pool foodgrains allowed during last year are at Annex. During Rabi Marketing Season (RMS) 2016-17 no State Government has requested for relaxations in specifications of foodgrains for Central Pool procurement.
(b): No complaint of irregularities in procurement of foodgrains under relaxed norms has been received during last year and current year. However, complaints on procurement below MSP, non opening of purchase centre, delay in payment of MSP etc. The complaints were investigated and found not substantiated.
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(c): Government/FCI alongwith State Governments formulate procurement plans to procure foodgrains from the farmers. In plans following steps are included:
1. Government announces Minimum Support Price(MSP) for foodgrains in each season to ensure remunerative prices to the farmers with a view to encourage higher production. Government offers procurement at MSP.
2. MSP operations are given wide publicity through pamphlets, banners, sign boards radio, TV and advertisements through print & electronic media about quality, specifications, purchase system etc to create awareness among farmers.
3. Procurement centres are opened by respective State Govt. Agencies/FCI taking into account the production, marketable surplus, convenience of farmers and availability of other logistics/infrastructure such as storage and transportation etc.
4. Payments are made through account payee cheque/RTGS to the farmers.
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ANNEX
ANNEX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 1462 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 03.05.2016 IN THE LOK SABHA
DETAILS OF RELAXATIONS ALLOWED IN QUALITY NORMS FOR PROCUREMENT OF CENTRAL POOL FOODGRAINS DURING THE YEAR 2015-16
WHEAT:
S. No.
State
Refractions
Uniform Specifications
(Limit %)
Relaxation allowed
(Limit %)
1.
Gujarat
Lustre lost
With full lustre
Up to 25 %
2.
Madhya Pradesh
Shrivelled & Broken
6.0
Up to 10 %
Lustre lost
With full lustre
Up to 40 %
3.
Rajasthan

Shrivelled & Broken
6.0
Up to 9 %
Lustre lost
With full lustre
Up to 50 %
4.
Haryana*
Shrivelled & Broken
6.0
Up to 10 %
Lustre lost
With full lustre
Upto 95% in Kaithal district, upto 90% in Mewat, Sonepat, Jind, Palwal, Faridabad & Kurkshetra districts, upto 80% in Karnal, Hissar, Fatehabad & Panipat districts and upto 50% in rest of the State
5.
Uttar Pradesh
Shrivelled & Broken
6.0
Up to 10 %
Lustre lost
With full lustre
Up to 50 %
6.
Punjab*
Shrivelled & Broken
6.0
Up to 10 %
Lustre lost
With full lustre
Up to 50 %
7.
Chandigarh * (UT)
Shrivelled & Broken
6.0
Up to 10 %
Lustre lost
With full lustre
Up to 50 %
*Wheat can be procured with damaged and slightly damaged grains put together upto 6%with the condition that damaged grains alone may not be exceed more than 4%.
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PADDY:
S. No.
State
Refractions
Uniform Specifications (Limit %)
Relaxation allowed
1.
Andhra Pradesh
(East Godavari and West Godavari Districts)
Damaged, Discoloured, Sprouted and Weevilled grains.
5.0*
10% (damaged + sprouted + Weevilled grains not to exceed 5.0%)
2.
Uttar Pradesh
(Affected districts Bareilly, Sitapur, Allahabad, Lucknow, Gorakhpur, Faizabad, Gonda, Varanasi, Azamgarh, Agra, Aligarh, Kanpur and Moradabad)
Damaged, Discoloured, Sprouted and Weevilled grains.
5.0*
7% (damaged + sprouted + Weevilled grains not to exceed 5.0%)
3.
Tamil Nadu
(Thiruvarur, Thanjavur and Nagapattinam districts)
Moisture Content
17
20
Immature Shrunken and Shrivelled Grains
3

5
*Damaged, Sprouted and Weevilled grains should not exceed 4%.
RICE:
S.
No.
State
Refractions
Uniform Specifications (Limit %)
Relaxation allowed
1.
Andhra Pradesh
(East Godavari and West Godavari districs)
Damaged/slightly damaged grains
Raw
3.0
4.0
Discoloured Grains
Raw
3.0
5.0
Broken Grains
Raw
25.0
30.0
2.
Uttar Pradesh
(Affected districts Bareilly, Sitapur, Allahabad, Lucknow, Gorakhpur, Faizabad, Gonda, Varanasi, Azamgarh, Agra, Aligarh, Kanpur and Moradabad)
Damaged/slightly damaged grains
Raw
3%
4%
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